



**Bishkek  
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## AFRICA DAY FESTIVAL

Last Saturday we celebrated an incredible Africa Day Festival for the first time at our school. It was a wonderful holiday filled with bright colors, artistic dances, songs and fun games, and became an unforgettable event. The entire community came together to celebrate the diversity and beauty of African culture, learning about many aspects from their colorful clothes and jewelry to traditional cuisine and music. There was also a special concert where talented students and teachers performed African melodies and dances.

The students, parents, teachers, and friends who gathered at the celebration had a unique opportunity to have fun, share African traditions, stories and experiences and enjoy the energy that filled our school before the end of the school year.





## CPR, BROCC AND KTI AWARDS

A huge well done to our award winners:

### CPR (Caring, Principled, Reflective):

**Ginevra** (Grade 2Y), **Momoka** (Grade 2Y), **Niel** (Grade 2Y), **Diana** (Grade 2B), **Josiah** (Grade 2Y),  
**Wilhelmina** (Grade 5Y), **Zhanel** (Grade 5Y), **Daeun** (Grade 5Y), **Maiko** (Grade 5Y)

### KTI (Knowledgeable, Thinker, Inquirer):

**Nathan** (Grade 2Y), **Niel** (Grade 2Y), **Aikyn** (Grade 1B), **Mark** (Grade 1B),  
**Miko**, **Lilian**, **Aydana**, **Nicole** (Grade 9)

### BROCC (Balanced, Risk-Taker, Open-Minded, Communicator):

**All Grade 3B**, **Hayato** (Grade 11)

## SUPERPOWERED BY GRADE 7 STUDENTS

Get ready to be amazed by the Grade 7 students at BIS and their incredible adventures with the First Lego League missions! This year, they delved into the thrilling world of SUPERPOWER as part of the First Lego League concept.

During their design lessons, these talented students learned all about the distribution, storage, and usage of power using the fascinating Lego FLL program. With Explore FLL, they dived deep into



the fundamentals of engineering, exploring real-world problems, and mastering the coding.

Don't miss out on the chance to witness their exceptional work firsthand. Swing by the library and prepare to be captivated by their innovative creations. Be sure to check out the inspiring video [here](#) and [here](#) and listen to them documenting their exciting journey.

**Ms. Tulay**, Design and Computer Science Teacher



## GRADE 0 FRIENDS PRESENT ENDANGERED ANIMAL RESEARCH

Grade Zero friends have been studying Endangered Animals for the last few weeks. They were eager to share their knowledge with the wider community. They have been working hard on their research about Red pandas, Galapagos penguins, Caucasian vipers, Orangutans, Bengal tigers, Great white sharks, and Snow leopards.

On Thursday they had a chance to present what they have been working on for a while with such enthusiasm. Our young inquiries demonstrated great communication skills!

Thank you to our younger and older friends who came to learn about the animals and support Grade Zero!

Ms. Altnai, Grade 0 Homeroom Teacher



"I think my project was good. I was scared. Now I feel happy!" Alessandro



"I think my project was awesome. I was nervous, Now I feel normal." Aruna



"I think my project was good. I was shy. Now I feel awesome."

Adil



"I think my project was good. I was nervous Now I feel proud of myself." Dasha K.





# BIS Snapshot: Africa Day Festival









# B.S Performs a Bee Musical!



This week, a few students in Grade 0-5 did two bee-autiful performances of The Bee Musical! The musical shared the message about saving the bees and the vital benefits of what bees do, such as making honey and pollination. The students had lots of fun, danced proudly, and sang loudly.



Big thanks to all of the families, and staff members who came to watch, and the production staff that supported: Ms. Aziza, Ms. Shelley, and Mr. Nikita.

**Mr. David Lien, Head of Performing Arts Department**





# Celebrating MYP Students' Artistic Growth



All MYP students poured their heart out in creating African culture inspired paintings. They grew so much as artists and in person in such a short period of time! They became detail oriented, passionate and diligent! All of them are excellent and impressive in their own ways.

Due to limited space here, I only can share a few, but I had a difficult time choosing among all the amazing works.

My friend, who is currently working as an animator in Walt Disney Animation Studio, said you guys made her homesick! I also showed your works to my coolest, most strict university professor. She was touched and congratulated all of you for your accomplishments in art!

I hope we are going to continue to grow as a community with all of you who are reading together! As we celebrate the beauty of art and life together, we highly encourage an open, inclusive and supportive environment for every young artist to grow. Thank you!

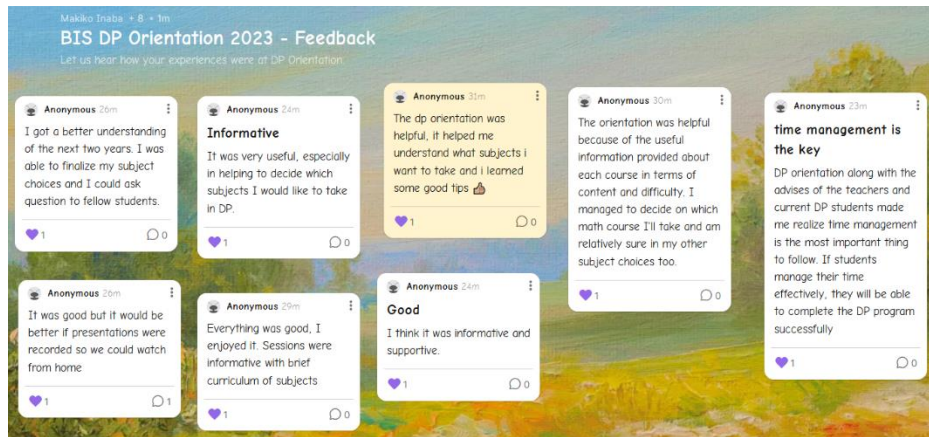
**Ms. Didi, Art Teacher**





## IB DIPLOMA PROGRAMME ORIENTATION

The DP staff team was excited to invite current Grade 10 students and some potential scholarship students to DP Orientation this week. I personally taught Mandarin to some of these students, a long time ago when they were in Grades 1 to 3. These memories are still vivid for me, and I cannot express my pleasure enough to see them now grown-up in High School, about to start the Diploma Programme!



Students attended numerous sessions throughout 4 days to learn about what the DP expects and requires from them for the next two years. Four current Grade 11 students, who are in the middle of their DP, as well as two Grade 12 students, who have successfully completed the DP, kindly volunteered to share their experiences and tips to 'survive' in the DP. The most common and popular advice from them was

“Do NOT procrastinate!” Indeed, establishing a strategy to keep yourself on track and submitting the coursework on time are essential in the DP!

It is a great joy to welcome all incoming DP students. I hope they enjoy their freedom this summer so that they are fully prepared for their next endeavor!

**Ms. Makiko, DP Coordinator**



## CROSS CULTURE KIDS WORKSHOP

On 31 May, BIS hosted leading expert Ruth van Reken on the topic of Cross Culture Kids. It was enlightening to hear about the background, challenges, and possible solutions faced by all members of our community. BIS will continue to enhance our support for all our students, parents, and staff on the intricacies of Cross Culture Kids.

You can watch the recording [here](#).









# CROSS COUNTRY BISA



**Date: June 3, 2023**  
**Time: 8:30 - 13:00**  
**Venue: Karagach Park**

- U 19, BOYS GIRLS distance 4000 m
- U 15, BOYS GIRLS distance 3000 m
- U 11, BOYS GIRLS distance 1000 m
- Fun Run, distance 3000 m

**Contact person for organization :**  
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## ALL AMERICAS BBQ

The BIS All Americas BBQ is on 15th June 2023, 17:00 to 21:00. This is a celebration event for the wider community with lots of fun activities, live music, delicious food, ice cream and fireworks! If you are interested in creating a display table or activities to celebrate the special features of any country or culture from the Americas, please let me know as soon as possible, so that we can add your country or culture to the postcards for stamp collections as children move around the event. We encourage all families with any North, South or Central American connection to volunteer for the event to share your culture with all of the other families connected to the school. **If you are interested in representing your country or culture at the All Americas BBQ, please email me and we can arrange something together!**

Mirzat Osmonova, Head of Administration, Deputy Head of School



The poster features a blue background with a gold border. In the top left, there is a large, stylized firework. In the top right, the BIS logo is surrounded by yellow stars. The text is written in a mix of gold and white fonts. At the bottom, there are illustrations of people dancing and a globe.

*Bishkek International School*  
Cordially invites you to the  
**All Americas**  
**BBQ**

*On Thursday* | **15 OF JUNE 2023**

**from 17:00 to 21:00** | *Including performances, live music,  
carnival games, food and fireworks*

**Dress code: very informal**

*67 A Bronirovannaya st.*



## SUMMER CAMP

Good Day BIS Parents. I am writing to invite your child to the Summer Camp from 19-29 June, 2022. The camp is in English and open to children aged 6 to 10 at a **total cost of \$480 per child**. More information can be found here: [Jash Kochmon Summer Camp 2023](#). The camp is not organized by BIS but by a member of staff, Ms Aigul (Community Engagement Leader). Please email Aigul for more information: [akubatbekova@bis.kg](mailto:akubatbekova@bis.kg) by 7 June.

## LUNCH MENU

The lunch menu for June 5<sup>th</sup> – 9<sup>th</sup> is **Menu B**.

You can view both [Preschool Menu](#) and [Primary & Secondary school menu](#) on our school website. Form Teachers and our Chef are responsible for adjusting this menu to avoid any foods your child cannot eat, according to the information provided to us by you.

## UPCOMING EVENTS

- 3<sup>rd</sup> June, Saturday: BISA Cross country tournament – new date
- 3<sup>rd</sup> June, Saturday: High School Prom
- 8<sup>th</sup> June, Thursday: Parents information evening for G5 parents moving up into G6
- 8<sup>th</sup> June, Thursday, Music Academy Show
- 8<sup>th</sup> June, Thursday: Class of 2022 Reflection Dinner
- 9<sup>th</sup> June, Friday: High School Graduation Ceremony
- 12<sup>th</sup> June, Monday: Graduations for Preschool 3, Grade 5, Grade 8
- 13<sup>th</sup> June, Tuesday: Primary School Educational Visits Day
- 14<sup>th</sup> June, Wednesday: Parent-Teacher Meetings
- 15<sup>th</sup> June, Thursday: Last Day of School /All Americas Barbecue

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Most school communication is sent by email or in Voices. We also have Telegram and WhatsApp broadcast channels to repeat general email messages. The same info is on WhatsApp and Telegram, and on both English and Russian channels. If you do not check emails, join the channel that is easiest for you to follow.



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## PRESCHOOL 1

We had a wonderful week in Preschool 1! This week our friends continued exploring the topic of arctic animals. We read books about polar bears and learned that they live in icy places. We then used papers to represent ice floes and our little friends pretended to be polar bears, jumping from one ice floe to another!

We also read the book "Big and Fuzzy" which taught us that there are igloos in the Arctic and that they are

made of snow. The children then had so much fun painting paper plate igloos with ice cubes.

In the Art lesson, we made penguin crafts. We also learned that penguins eat fish. So in our math lessons, we fed the fish to the penguin. Our friends really enjoyed it and wanted to feed the penguin again and again. It was a wonderful week!

Ms. Nuraida, Preschool 1 Homeroom Teacher





## PRESCHOOL 2

Our Preschool 2 friends are improving their listening and motor skills. In addition to listening to various noises, we practice cutting, adhering, and tracing lines frequently. Now that they are learning phonics, our children appreciate the alphabet songs and now take pleasure in rhyming songs. All of this helps our friends to pay attention in class more attentively. These also aid in improving their comprehension when they listen to one another when conversing and playing, which is

fantastic and something we are really pleased of. In their Kyrgyz classes they revised shapes and learned about animals in Kyrgyz.

This week we talked a little about recycling and keeping our planet cleaner. We also did some Kinetic sand and Shaving cream writing for learning activity that felt more like a play and our friends enjoyed it very much!

**Ms. Dinara, Preschool 2 Homeroom Teacher**





### PRESCHOOL 3

Our friends had an exciting and fun-filled week. This week, in English, our friends dressed up as pirates and went phonic-treasure hunting. Our sound for this week was the phonic sound 'w' and our Preschool friends had to hunt for picture treasures. They also visited the primary gym for some physical activities to promote their confidence through movements.

In our Unit Of Inquiry lesson, Preschool 3 friends completed their project 'The sad planet' in line with our lesson on pollution. This week our friends wrapped up their lesson on recycling and had a lesson with Dr. Anna where they made some necklaces using

paper plates to cement the concept of reusing to reduce pollution.

Our friends are working on their counting and subtraction skills with and without concrete objects. They are also counting numbers 1-25 steadily.

Preschool 3 friends have grown to care and have patience with each other. They collaborate and work together as friends and also help each other complete any given tasks.

Next week, we will look at the phonic sound 'y', the number 25 and measurements (more or less).

**Ms. Kathy, Preschool 3 Homeroom Teacher, Head of Preschool**



The Sad Planet  
Made by Preschool 3 Students